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SUBJECT: FEBRUARY 20 NPG PERMREPS MEETING ON PHASE II PRELIMINARY
REPORT ON FOLLOW-ON USE

REF: A. USNATO 0819

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1. AT FEBRUARY 20 NPG PERREPS MEETING, FOLLOWING DISCUSSION OF
DRAFT LETTER FROM SYG LUNS TO SECDEF ON NUCLEAR ASPECTS OF NUNN
AMENDMENT (REPORTED SEP TEL), US/UK/FRG PHASE II STUDY TEAM
REPRESENTATIVE BRIEFED PERMREPS ON THE PHASE II RELIMINARY REPORT
ON FOLLOW-ON USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (NPG/WP(74)9). THE STUDY
TEAM REPS COVERED THE PHASE II BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES,
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ANALYTIC METHODS, AND CONCLUSIONS. ACTING SYG PANS
COMMENDED THE STUDY TEAM FOR ITS "CLEAR, EFFECTIVE, AND
CONCISE PRESENTATION" AND NOTED THEY "MUST BE CONGRATULATED
FOR THEIR EXCELLENT WORK," A COMPLIMENT WHICH AMBASSADOR

MENZIES (CANADA) LATER REINFORCED. PANSA NOTED THAT A NUMBER OF NPG COUNTRIES AND THE MILITARY COMMITTEE HAD CIRCULATED WRITTEN COMMENTS ON THE PRELIMINARY REPORT (REFS C-I), WHICH THE STUDY TEAM COULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT IN ITS PREPARATION OF THE FINAL REPORT FOR NPG MINISTERS.

2. HILL-NORTON(CHAIRMAN, MC) COMMENDED THE STUDY TEAM FOR ITS WORK. HE SAID HE THOUGHT THE PHASE II PRELIMINARY REPORT WAS AN EXCELLENT EFFORT WHICH METITED CLOSE STUDY BY PERMREPS. PANSA SAID THAT HE FOUND DISTURBING THE SUGGESTION IN THE STUDY THAT, IN THE FACE OF SIGNIFICANT WP CONVENTIONAL SUPERIORITY, A WP RESPONSE IN KIND TO NATO'S FOLLOW-ON USE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS WOULD LEAVE NATO WORSE OFF THAN BEFORE. HILL-NORTON AGREED THAT UNDER SUCH ASSUMPTIONS, THIS WOULD APPEAR TO BE TRUE. PANSA NOTED THAT WHEN PERMREPS PREPARE THEIR REPORT FOR NPG MINISTERS ON THE PHASE II FINAL REPORT THEY WILL WANT TO CONSIDER CAREFULLY SUCH ISSUES, AS WELL AS WISDER POLITICAL AND PSYCHOLIGICAL CONSIDERATIONS.

3. US STUDY TEAM CHAIRMAN (COL CALLAWAY) SAID TEAM WOULD DRAW FULLY ON WRITTEN COMMENTS CIRCULATED BY NPG COUNTRIES IN PREPARATION OF FINAL REPORT, WHICH HE EXPECTED THE TEAM WOULD COMPLETE WITHIN A MONTH.
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